

**Skavdahl and Andrews Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Scott Wesley Skavdahl, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, and Richard G. Andrews, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware; that there be one hour for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; with two minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form between the votes; and that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations. **Page S7089**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Kristine Gerhard Baker, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7092.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1119, to reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey real property, including improvements, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Ketchikan, Alaska;

S. 1401, to conserve wild Pacific salmon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1430, to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1657, to amend the provisions of law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety;

S. 1665, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1701, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1759, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition; and

The nominations of Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and a promotion list in the U.S. Coast Guard.

### EUROPEAN DEBT CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the European debt crisis, focusing on strategic implications for the transatlantic alliance, after receiving testimony from Jacob Funk Kirkegaard, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Bruce Stokes, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Desmond Lachman, American Enterprise Institute, and David F. Gordon, Eurasia Group, all of Washington, D.C.

### WOMEN AND THE ARAB SPRING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues with

the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a joint hearing to examine women and the Arab Spring, after receiving testimony from Melanne Vermeer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, and Tamara Cofman Wittes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, and Deputy Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions, both of the Department of State; Manal Omar, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), and Sandra L. Bunn-Livingstone, Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mahnaz Afkhami, Women's Learning Partnership, Bethesda, Maryland.

#### AVIATION SECURITY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on the next wave in aviation security, after receiving testimony from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, and Kenneth J. Dunlap, International Air Transport Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles M. Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who were both introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### ASSISTED LIVING

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring quality and oversight in assisted living, after receiving testimony from Barbara Coulter Edwards, Director, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey and Certification, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Martha A. Roherty, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and Stephen J. Maag, LeadingAge, both of Washington, D.C.; Larry Polivka, Florida State University, Tallahassee; Robert Jenkins, NCB Capital Impact, Arlington, Virginia; and Alfredo Navas, Cutler Bay, Florida.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 3306–3331 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 453, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2930) to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowd-funded securities, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2940) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D. (H. Rept. 112–265). Pages H7249, H7255

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011:* H.R. 2061, amended, to authorize the presentation of a United States flag at the funeral of Federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a Federal employee, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 818;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment.”

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*Amending the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration:* H.R.